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Library Selects Park Book for Honor

The Library of Congress has selected a National Park Service publication as the subject of its first voice-indexed cassette presentation. The talking-book cassette of *Access National Parks: A Guide for Handicapped Visitors* was presented to Assistant Secretary Robert L. Herbst, representing Secretary of the Interior Cecil D. Andrus, and to the deputy director of the National Park Service, Ira J. Hutchison, in a ceremony in the Secretary's Conference Room of the Interior Building on Thursday, September 20.

Accompanying the cassette, which was presented by Carol Nemeyer, Associate Librarian of Congress for National Programs, was a platinum plaque which read:

> To the Department of the Interior and the National Park Service, in grateful recognition of their assistance to the National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, and in commemoration of the publication of *Access National Parks: A Guide for Handicapped Visitors*, we present the nation's first fully voice-indexed talking book cassette.

The National Park Service guidebook describes accessible services, facilities, and programs in all parks and monuments within the National Park System. Immediately upon its publication in 1978, the Library of Congress selected it for production in both braille and talking-book editions by the Library's National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped (NLS/BPH).

Access is the first voice-indexed cassette book produced by NLS/BPH. Voice indexing is a technique that uses key words, in this case the names of individual parks and monuments, to help readers locate specific information. Index words are audible when the cassette is played in a fast-forward mode. The reader then stops the tape and resumes play at regular speed to hear the full entry under that heading.

Access National Parks is the prototype for voice-indexed cassettes

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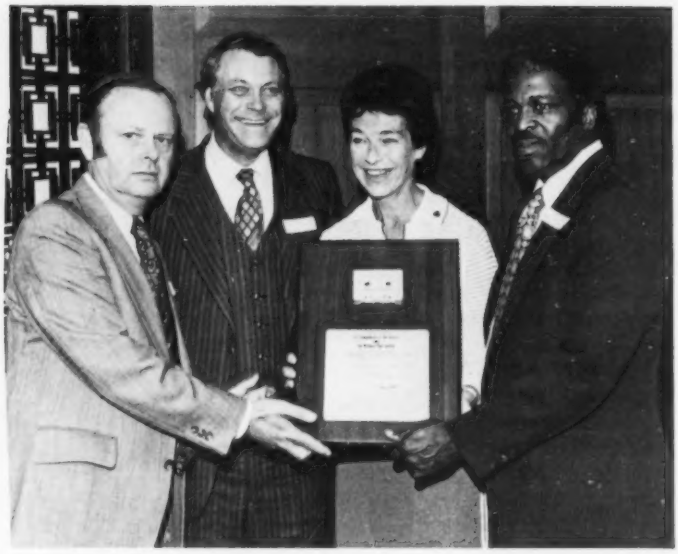

Pictured with the plaque (left to right) are Frank Kurt Cylke, Robert L. Herbst, Carol A. Nemeyer, and Ira J. Hutchison. Don Smith of NLS/BPH (right photograph) demonstrates the new cassette for Donna Peters of the Department of Health, Education and Welfare.

and will be used to test reader reaction. It will be accompanied by a tape explaining its use and soliciting comments. Reader reaction is needed on ease of use and specifics such as spacing from the index word to the explanation. Further indexed books and a proposed 20,000-word indexed dictionary will be produced by the National Library Service after suggestions can be considered and incorporated.

The method of voice-indexing has been known for some time, but has been impractical for production. NLS/BPH has now developed an automatic machine for producing indexed cassettes that is fast, efficient, and cost effective.

The new machine rapidly blends two tapes that are narrated individually. One tape contains the text and a tone indicating when index words are required. The other tape contains the index words. The machine eliminates tones and superimposes index words over the text at from 12 to 26 times the text speed. Record-speed variation compensates for the variation of speed from the beginning to the end of a tape in fast-forward mode. The result is a normally pitched voice in all parts of the indexing. The new process was demonstrated during the September 20 presentation ceremony and reception at the Interior Department.

Present from the National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped were director Frank Kurt Cylke, assistant director Mary Jack Wintle, assistant chiefs Henry B. Paris and Mary Berghaus Levering, along with Martha Robinson, head of Publication Services, Vicki Fitzpatrick, and Don Smith. In addition to others from the Department of the Interior and the National Park Service, there were representatives of a number of organizations serving the handicapped, other Government agencies, and Congressional committees in attendance.

NLS/BPH provides reading materials to those who cannot read conventional print because of visual or physical handicaps through a national network of 160 cooperating libraries. The program was first authorized by the Congress in 1931.

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October 11-12 Juilliard Concerts Offer Mozart, Spohr, Beethoven Works

The Juilliard String Quartet will present a pair of concerts in the Coolidge Auditorium of the Library of Congress on October 11 and 12. The concerts will be sponsored by the Gertrude Clarke Whittall Foundation, and members of the Quartet will perform on Stradivari instruments presented to the Library by Mrs. Whittall in 1935-36. The members of the Quartet are violinists Robert Mann and Earl Carlyss, violist Samuel Rhodes, and cellist Joel Krosnick.

The program for October 11 and 12 will include the Quartet in A major, K. 464 by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, the Duo for violin and viola, Op. 13 by Ludwig Spohr, and the Quartet in C sharp minor, Op. 131 by Ludwig van Beethoven. The concerts will begin promptly at 8 p.m.

Tickets will be distributed at the Patrick Hayes box office, 1330 G St. N.W. (Jordan-Kitt's), beginning at 8:30 a.m. on Monday, October 8. A service charge of 25 cents is placed on each ticket, and only two tickets are distributed to an individual. Telephone reservations may be made on Monday morning by calling 393-4463. Mail orders are not accepted.

The concert on Friday evening will be broadcast live by radio station WETA-FM and made available to stations in other cities through the Katie and Walter Louchheim Fund in the Library of Congress.

Balladeer Richard Dyer-Bennet Will Perform from *The Odyssey*

Distinguished balladeer Richard Dyer-Bennet will appear in a program of poetic declamation of three excerpts from Robert Fitzgerald's translation of Homer's *Odyssey* to be held at the Library of Congress on Monday and Tuesday, October 15-16. The program will be in the Coolidge Auditorium at 8 p.m. on both evenings. To obtain tickets, telephone the Poetry Office, (202) 287-5394/5.

Richard Dyer-Bennet was born in Leicester, England, in 1913. He moved with his family to British Columbia, Canada, in 1919 and to California in 1923. He was educated in Germany (1929-1931), at the University of California (1932-1935), and went to Sweden in 1935 to see Sven Scholander (1860-1936), greatest of the latter-day self-accompanied singers. After vocal study with G. W. Beckman until 1940, he made his New York debut in 1941. During World War II, he wrote and performed news ballads and propaganda songs for the Office of War Information, and toured for the U.S.O. in the Philippines. He made his concert debut at Town Hall in New York City in 1944 and started concert touring under Sol Hurok's management in the 1945-46 season. He made annual concert tours until 1970, when he became associate professor in the Department of Theatre Arts at the State University of New York, a post he holds today. He studied classical guitar with Rey de la Torre from 1944 to 1948, and voice with C. L. Reid from 1968 onward. He is currently on leave of absence from the State University of New York at Stony Brook to devote full time to the learning and recording of Robert Fitzgerald's translation of Homer's *Odyssey*.

Among the companies for whom Mr. Dyer-Bennet has recorded are Keynote, Stinson, Musicraft, Concert Hall Society, Decca, Vox, and Remington. He established his own label, Dyer-Bennet Records, in 1955. His latest release, "The Lovely Milleress," with Nancy Garniez, pianist, is his own English translation (published by G. Schirmer) of Schubert's 20-song cycle "Die schöne Müllerin" on the Dyer-Bennet Records label. Still to come are the 24 discs required to record all 24 books of the Homer-Fitzgerald *Odyssey* and the 24 discs to record all 24 books of the Homer-Fitzgerald *Iliad*.

Distinguished Guests of The Library During August

From Abroad

Argentina—Héctor José Arturo Grossi, editor in chief, *Convicción* (daily newspaper), Buenos Aires.

Belgium—Lucien Bernard, senior research assistant, U.S. International Communication Agency Documentation Center, Brussels; Greta Milis-Proost, librarian, Ghent University Library.

Bolivia-Javier Galindo Cueto, member, National Political Commission of the National Revolutionary Movement; Carlos Mesa, director, Cinemateca Boliviana and director, Cultural Extension, University of San Andres, La Paz; Jesus Urzagasti, director, Cultural Section and advisor for the literary page, *Presencia* (newspaper), La Paz.

Botswana—The Honorable Robert J. Hayfron-Benjamin, chief justice, Supreme Court of Botswana, Gaberones.

Brazil—Lucia Aizim, poet, Rio de Janeiro.

Canada—Craig James, documents librarian, Regina, Saskatchewan.

Chile—Patricia Hörmann Villagran, directora de Apoyo Academico, Pontificia Universidad Catolica de Chile, Santiago.

Dominican Republic—Federico Antun, president, Youth Wing, Reformist Party, Santa Domingo.

Egypt—Nadia Bishai, professor of English, Faculty

of Arts, University of Alexandria; Mohamed Fahmy dean, Faculty of Education, Al-Azhar University, Cairo.

El Salvador—Hugo Guerra, mayor of San Salvador.

England—Harvey Sachs, author, London.

Federal Republic of Germany—Mr. and Mrs. Wilhelm Gieg, Darmstadt; Hans-Gert Poettering, West German deputy to the European Parliament, Bonn; Klaus Stephan, head of the national ARD Television news program *Tagesthemen,* Hamburg; Ivan Wivis, librarian, Radio Free Europe—Radio Liberty, Munich.

France—Claude Birraux, member of the French National Assembly from Haute-Savoie; M. Gantier, member of French National Assembly; Ibrahima Kaké, director, African Research Center, The Sorbonne, Paris; Jacques Mellick, member of the French National Assembly, Pas-de-Calais; Etienne Pinte, deputy mayor of Versailles and member of the French National Assembly, Yvelines District; Janusz Ziolkowski, director, UNESCO Cultural Development Program, Paris.

Hong Kong—Lam Chun, manager, Joint Publishing Co. (Hong Kong Branch), and director, Commercial Press, Ltd. and Chung Hwa Book Co., Ltd.; Chak Nuen Fai, director, Wide Angle Press, and proprietor, Wah Fung Book Store; Baysung Hsu, pro vice chancellor for academic affairs, Chinese University of Hong Kong.

Hungary—Miklos Kontra, University of Szeged; Veronika Vavrinecz, Music Department, National Széchényi Library, Budapest.

Indonesia—Blasius Sudarsono, assistant librarian in charge of technical services, National Scientific Documentation Center, Jakarta.

Ireland—Gary Hynes, artistic director/manager, Druid Theater, Galway.

Israel—Gad Yaacobi, member of the Knesset and member of the Executive Committee of the Israel Labor Party, Tel Aviv.

Italy—Felice Besostri, member, Socialist Party Central Committee, Milan.

Ivory Coast—Josette Faloppe-Amblard, associate professor, University of Abidjan.

Japan—Yujiro Iwamoto, associate professor of law, Kobe Gakuin University, Osaka; Mutsuo Kudoh, lecturer, Faculty of Education, Hirosaki University; Toshiji Kuroda, vice chairman of the Board of Trustees, Kanazawa Institute of Technology, Kanazawa; Osamu Nishi, associate professor, Komazawa University, and research associate, Peace and Security Institute, Yokohama; Kenji Niwa, librarian, Center for American Studies, Doshisha University; Takeshi Sumitani, General Reference and Bibliography Department, National Diet Library; Hiroshi Tamuki, professor of English, Kanazawa Institute of Technology, Kanazawa; Akira Yoshioka, chief cataloger, Doshisha University, Kyoto.

The Honorable **Griselda Alvarez,** governor of the State of Colima, Mexico, recorded selections from her poetry and short stories for the Archive of Hispanic Literature on Tape during a brief visit to Washington, D.C., in August. Governor Alvarez has also served a term as senator for her state and is a founding member of the Alliance of Mexican Women. She is the author of *De cierta compañia Letania erótica para la paz, Tiempo presente,* and several other works. She is pictured here in the Library's Recording Laboratory.

Kenya—Sitswila Amos Wako, secretary-general, African Bar Association, and chairman, Kenya Law Society, Nairobi.

Korea—A group of 29 Korean graduate students and professors attending a Korea-American student conference at Western Michigan University.

Madagascar—Alisaona Raharinarivonirina, head, Law Department, University of Madagascar.

Malawi—Kings Phiri, lecturer in history, University of Malawi.

Mexico—Javier Livas, secretary of the City Council of Garza Garcia; Arsenio Rodriguez, evaluator of international information, documentation and analysis, Office of the President of Mexico, Mexico City.

The Netherlands—Joop van Meer, Nora Mathilda,

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STAFF NEWS

Robert Costenbader Marks 25 Years

Robert L. Costenbader, assistant head of the Microform Reading Room Section in the General Reading Rooms Division, received a 25-year service pin from director of general reference Elizabeth F. Stroup on September 13.

Mr. Costenbader was graduated from Eastern High School in Washington, D.C. in 1952 and entered the Army the following year. He came to the Library in September 1956, starting as a deck attendant in the Stack and Reader Division. In April 1960, he was assigned to Photoduplication Service as a searching assistant, and in February 1962, he transferred to the former Microfilm Reading Room.

A small reception attended by co-workers and former supervisors from the old Stack and Reader Division was held in his honor in the General Reading Rooms Division office.

Felix Chin Earns 20-Year Pin

Felix Kai Fook Chin, senior bibliographer in the Library Services Division of the Congressional Research Service, received a 20-year Federal Service Award pin on September 17 from Jack McDonald, chief of the division.

Mr. Chin began his career in the Library as a research assistant in the former Aerospace Technology Division, with successive promotions to technical abstractor and senior technical abstractor. In August 1969, Mr. Chin transferred to the Library Services Division as a bibliographer. He was promoted to his present position in March 1974. In June 1973, he was the recipient of a Meritorious Service Award, presented to him by former Librarian of Congress L. Quincy Mumford.

Benjamin Custer Receives Distinguished Service Award

On Friday, September 7, in the Office of the Assistant Librarian for Processing Services, chief of the Decimal Classification Division Benjamin A. Custer was presented with the Distinguished Service Award by director for cataloging Lucia J. Rather. The award recognized Mr. Custer's sustained achievements over 23 years at the Library of Congress and as editor of four complete editions of *Dewey Decimal Classification*. During his tenure as editor, he succeeded in raising the stature of the Dewey Decimal Classification System both nationally and internationally.

Mrs. Rather read the congratulatory letter from Librarian of Congress Daniel J. Boorstin in which he explained the scope of the Distinguished Service Award as recognizing "contributions of great significance or exceptional value to the Library, or through the Library to other libraries, Government agencies, or institutions in the nation or the world." In accepting the award, Mr. Custer noted that a great deal of the credit for the division's achievements over the years must be given to his exceptional staff. Mr. Custer was honored at a reception sponsored by the division staff and the director for cataloging following the brief ceremony of presentation.

Enikö Basa Attends Budapest Conference

Enikö Molnár Basa, MARC monograph verifier in the MARC Editorial Division, attended the expanded board meeting of the Anyanyelvi Konferencia (Mother-tongue Conference) in Budapest, Hungary, from August 6th to the 10th. Some of the topics discussed were educational exchanges at all levels and teacher training and summer schools, and tours by Hungarian writers and artists to the United States and Western Europe and by Hungarian artists living in the West to Hungary.

Draft editions of new volumes in an on-going series of textbooks, written in cooperation with teachers of Hungarian in ethnic schools in the United States and other Western countries, were examined. The volumes deal with folk art, music, and dance. A literary anthology and a collection of historical readings were also discussed. These books are committed to more emphasis on Hungarian as a second language and to bilingual texts.

Book publishing and distribution problems, especially as they relate to a uniform program for Hungarians living in Hungary and those living outside its borders, were debated with representatives of the major literary publishing firms and the Ministry of Culture representatives. Library holdings and their accessibility, as well as the need for bibliographies tailored for organizations and week-end schools, were touched on in connection with the problem of establishing communications among those engaged in the teaching of Hungarian language and culture in a multilingual and cultural setting.

Educators, writers and leaders of ethnic organizations from four continents attended, with the United States, Canada and Western Europe being well represented from the Western world, and Yugoslavia, Czechoslovakia, and the U.S.S.R. from Eastern Europe.

Announcements

It is not at all surprising that persons working with documents and those in reference have some similar interests and should, on occasion, meet together. The first joint meeting of **Friends of Documents** and the **Reference Information Exchange Group** will be held on October 1 from 11 a.m. to 12 noon in the Wilson Room.

Mary Sauer, chief, Serial Record Division, will discuss some of the options being considered for handling the Serial Record files in 1981. Of particular interest to Friends of Documents is the possibility of freezing the existing manual serial record in January 1981 and the creation of two new files: one for government documents and one for the remaining serials in the file.

The speaker will also solicit audience reaction to the subject. Copies of her proposal have been sent to the members of both groups and are also available from the Planning Office, ext. 76233.

The Scholar's Committee is forming a **Writer's Support Group** for writers and editors interested in receiving support from and talking shop with their colleagues about writing books and articles for publication. Anyone interested in joining such a group should attend an informal lunchtime meeting at the back of the Library cafeteria at 1 p.m. on Monday, October 15.

New Metrobus Service Added

A new Metrobus rush hour express service (Route C11) between the Clinton Plaza Shopping Center and the Federal Center Metro Station began August 6 for a six-month experimental period. Parking for commuters is available in a designated area of the shopping center. Several staff members have commented on the success of the new service, which has become quite popular. For further details, call Metro information on 637-2437 between 6 a.m. and 11:30 p.m.

The **WRA Choral Society** will present its fall show, "Get Your Message Across," a comical look at life at the Library, on Wednesday, October 24, at 11:45 a.m. in the Coolidge Auditorium, under the direction of Maxine Christian, codirector of the society. Staff members whose attendance at this program may require time exceeding their normal lunch periods should consult their supervisors.

Birth Announcements

Mary Kay and James Ganning are the parents of a son, Brendan Daniels, born on August 16 at Anne Arundel General Hospital in Annapolis, Md. Mrs. Ganning is a bibliographic systems specialist in the Automated Systems Office. Mr. Ganning is a former area manager for ITT Communications Systems. Brendan, who has already visited the Library, is going to let his mother come back to work in mid-October.

Betty and Robert Harris are the parents of a girl, Kendra Lenise, born on June 20 at the George Washington Hospital in Washington, D.C. Mrs. Harris is a technical assistant in the Computer Service Center of the Automated Systems Office. Mr. Harris is employed in private industry.

Personnel Changes

Appointments: Quentin Arnold, special policeman private, SP-7, Bldgs, 90417; Ernest Banks, special policeman private, SP-7, Bldgs, 90417; Eugene

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Temporary Appointments: Kenneth Brooks, library aid, GT-1, Photodup, NP; Dena Grant, library aid, GS-1, NLS/BPH, NP; Aphrodite Jensen, deck attendant, GS-3, Col Mgmt, GR-113.

Reappointment: Anne Lucey, preservation microfilming assistant, GS-5, Preserv, 90484.

Transfer: Wanda Thomas, Afr/ME, to editorial assistant, GS-5, CRS SPR, 90649.

Resignations: Craig Chapin, CRS MCR; Jerome Cullings, Bldgs; Sherry Deatrick, Photodup; Sandra Defina, Ser Rec; Robert Greenberg, Subj Cat; Beth Innis, CRS E; Richard Kremer, CRS SPR; Diana Landsberger, Share Cat; Marsha McKay, E&G; Joanna Morgan, Ser; Sean Murphy, CRS AIS; Gwendolyn Oliver, MARC Ed; Charles J. Plante, II, M/B/RS; Renee Prue, CRS A; Paul Reid, E&G; Anthony Roberson, Ser.

Late October Events

Monday, October 15

Dramatic recitation given by Richard Dyer-Bennet of excerpts from Homer's *Odyssey*. In the Coolidge Auditorium at 8 p.m. The event is free, but tickets are required; call 287-5394.

Richard Dyer-Bennet and his wife, Melvina, are shown while on a recent trip to Greece at the great theatre at Epidauros.

(Photograph by Jon Erikson)

Tuesday, October 16

Balladeer Richard Dyer-Bennet is featured in a dramatic recitation of Homer's *Odyssey*. In the Coolidge Auditorium at 8 p.m. (Ticket information given above)

Wednesday, October 17

Lecture given by Pulitzer Prize-winning author, Barbara Tuchman, on "The Book." In the Coolidge Auditorium at 8 p.m. The event is free, but tickets are required; write to the Center for the Book.

Thursday, October 18, and Friday, October 19

A chamber music concert with the Juilliard String Quartet. A limited number of tickets will be distributed free to staff members through the WRA Office beginning the preceding Friday. Tickets are also distributed through Patrick Hayes, 1330 G St. N.W. beginning at 8:30 a.m. on Monday of that week. In the Coolidge Auditorium at 8 p.m.

Monday, October 29

Author Herman Wouk will deliver a lecture entitled "War and Remembrance: The Paradox of Historical Fiction." In the Coolidge Auditorium at 8 p.m. The event is free, but tickets are required; call 287-5394.

Staff members who wish to attend programs or other events taking place during their normal working hours should consult their supervisors.

Ivan Divis, one of the leading modern Czech poets, whose work is represented in the Library by seven volumes of poetry and one book of essays, visited the European Division on August 21. Mr. Divis, who now resides in Munich, West Germany, and is a librarian by profession, was briefed on the activities of the European Division by the division chief and the Czechoslovak specialist.

For the Archive of World Literature on Tape, Mr. Divis recorded a selection of his poems with commentaries. His visit included a tour of the Library and a discussion, with Nancy Galbraith of the Poetry Office, of Czech literature and the problems of literary activity in exile. Mr. Divis was accompanied by Rio Preisner, a professor at Pennsylvania State University and the author of literary studies dealing with Johann N. Nestroy, Franz Kafka, and other German writers.

Irmgard van Himbergen and Ad Vinkx, library science students, Tilburg.

New Zealand—John Henderson, lecturer, Political Science Department, Canterbury University, Christchurch.

Nigeria—Sam Isidon, librarian, Maiduguri University; Beatrice Modupe Olukemi Toye, senior librarian, University of Ibadan, accompanied by her husband, Samuel Afolabi Toye.

People's Republic of China—A group of six professors from Peking University.

Philippines—Alejandro M. Fernandez, professor of political science and international relations, University of the Philippines, Quezon City.

Poland—Roman Czyzniewski, vice mayor of Torun; Henrik Dubowik, librarian, University of Bydgoscz; Boleslaw Faron, rector of a higher school of education, Krakow; Karol Grünberg, Copernicus University, Torun; Julia Hartwig, poet, writer and essayist, Warsaw; Cesary Lezenski, editor-in-chief, *Kurier Polski* (daily newspaper) and novelist, Warsaw; Irena Slawinska, director, Chair of Drama and Theater, Catholic University of Lublin.

Puerto Rico—Arturo Morales Carrión, director, Puerto Rican Council for the Humanities; Harry Swan, chairman, History Department, Inter-American University; Maria D. Villamil, librarian, Caribbean University College, Bayamon.

Rwanda—The Honorable Joseph Kavaruganda, president, Appeals Court, Kigali.

Senegal—Djibril Faye, commercial director, Nouvelles Editions Africaines, Dakar; Moustapha Seck, lawyer and president, Institute for Human Rights Education, Dakar.

Sierra Leone—Manilius R. Oyedele Garber, lawyer, Freetown.

Sweden—Bridget Rydell, reference librarian, USICA Library, Stockholm.

Syria—Ahmed Al Hassan, rector, Aleppo University, Aleppo.

Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands—Daiziro Nakamura, chief, Political Affairs Department, Saipan.

Tunisia—Yadh Ben Achour, professor of law, University of Tunis, accompanied by his wife, a law librarian.

U.S.S.R.—Nikandr Viktorovich Maltsev, assistant director, Russian State Museum, Leningrad.

Uruguay—Colonel Guillermo De Nava, mayor of Salto.

Venezuela—Rafael Castellanos, LC blanket order dealer and historian, Veracruz.

From the United States

Diane Blaha, serials librarian, Emmanuel College Library, Boston, Mass.

Mary Blauche Boland, high school librarian, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Betsy Burson and H. D. Henderson, Phoenix (Ariz.) Public Library.

Mary Evans, Indian Valley Public Library, Telford, Pennsylvania.

Gary and Susan Golden, librarians, University of Illinois, Urbana.

Brian Helge, Sheryl Dieter, and John Nelson, Krauss Library, Lutheran School of Theology, Chicago, Ill.

Gary McMillan, researcher, Community Relations, Social Development Commission, Milwaukee, Wis.

Robert Quade, reference librarian, Waukegan Public Library, Waukegan, Ill.

Corliss Rice, head of circulation, St. Joseph Public Library, St. Joseph, Mo.

Justine Roberts, librarian, University of California at San Francisco.

May Suzuki, head of Cooperative Services, University of Hawaii at Manoa Library, Honolulu.

Yukihisa Suzuki, professor, Graduate School of Library Studies, University of Hawaii at Manoa, Honolulu.

A Few of the Visitors Expected in October

Giovanni Malagodi, honorary president of the Italian Liberal Party and member of Parliament.

Elaine Paintin, head of education, The British Library, London.

Mr. Rodger, assistant keeper, The Public Record Office, London.

APPENDIX

Continuing Reports on the 98th Annual Conference Of the American Library Association

Dallas, Texas, June 23-29, 1979

Membership

Membership I. The first membership meeting of the ALA Annual Conference convened Monday evening, June 25, in the chilly confines of the Dallas Convention Center arena. ALA executive director Robert Wedgeworth delivered the State of the Association Report, enumerating the accomplishments of the Association during the previous year. Of particular interest was his discussion of the new national headquarters currently under construction. Wedgeworth assured members that the "new move . . . will have no impact on the Association's general revenue." He also outlined priority objectives to be considered in the future, including organization of a permanent placement service for students and librarians, development of a variety of continuing education programs, and development of a data base on library and related information.

Kay Cassell followed with the presentation of the recipients of the 1979 Louise Giles and David H. Clift scholarships. President Russell Shank presented a summary of the ALA Goals Statement for the White House Conference on Libraries and Information Service that had been prepared by the Executive Board. After a brief discussion of revisions to that statement, it was endorsed by the membership. The meeting closed with a resolution from the Drexel Student Library Association calling for ALA to demonstrate support for the ratification of ERA by contributing $1 for each institutional and personal member. That resolution was adopted after much debate. [*Elaine Ackley*]

Membership II. With little business on the agenda and a handful of participants scattered through the auditorium, the final membership meeting on Thursday, June 28, started a half-hour late and adjourned early. Only two resolutions came before the body, and one, a memorial to the late Sidney Jackson, a professor at Kent State University, passed without debate.

The second, introduced by SRRT's Jim Dwyer, sparked some discussion. In support of *The Progressive*, enjoined by the courts from publishing an article on the hydrogen bomb, Mr. Dwyer asked that ALA "go on record as deploring the actions of the United States Attorney General's Office, supporting *The Progressive's* case, and demanding that the case be dropped immediately." Although one speaker from the Los Alamos area objected to a paragraph in the resolution describing the library of the Los Alamos Scientific Laboratory as "the object of censorship and repression," and moved the deletion of the paragraph, the membership passed the full text of the resolution.

At the chair's call for new business, Ilse Moon suggested that the body dissolve into a committee of the whole in order to discuss the proposed dues increase. Although the membership could take no action on the matter unless and until Council approved an increase, she believed that such a discussion could offer guidance to those councilors present. The body accepted her suggestion, and lines quickly formed at the microphones. Although it seemed to several observers that most of the speakers were in fact councilors, the debate that followed was lively. Few people doubted the need for an increase, although several expressed a desire for a detailed account of current expenditures and a list of the program cuts proposed by COPES should the dues increase fail. *Library Journal* editor John Berry wondered why regular members are being asked for a dues increase when the divisions are banking surplus revenues. Several speakers feared that higher dues will force rank-and-file librarians out of the organization, making it an association of libraries and administrators. Regina Minudri, director at Berkeley (Calif.) Public Library, suggested slashing the dues to attract more new members. Other suggestions included creating a new category of members—the subprofessionals in library employment—to revitalize the Association and add a new income base, cutting out free subscriptions to *American Libraries*, and, most frequently heard, instituting a sliding scale of dues tied to salary levels.

President Russell Shank came down from the platform to make an impassioned defense of the Association. Reminding members that "we are the proprietors of the profession," he emphasized the importance of increased revenues if the Association is to continue to deal with "issues of concern to all libraries."

Eric Moon suggested that an acceptable compromise might be to attach a provision to the proposed

dues increase calling for a full exploration of an increase tied to salary by January 1981. In a series of straw votes on the suggestions discussed, Mr. Moon's seemed to garner the most support.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30.

[*Judith Farley*]

Miscellaneous Meetings

GODORT Program. The program scheduled for the June 24 afternoon meeting of GODORT was to be a discussion of topics presented at the morning meeting, which had been entitled "Government Information to the People—Where We've Been and Where We're Going." When chair Francis Buckley opened the session, however, he explained that in view of the recent activity on the revision of Title 44 of the U.S. Code, the afternoon session would be devoted to an analysis of H.R. 4572, the bill introduced on June 2 which would amend the title "to provide for improved administration of public printing services and distribution of public documents."

Richard Oleszewski, staff director of the House Administration Subcommittee on Printing, presented a section-by-section description of the bill, discussing major differences and parallels between this proposal and the current law. Copies of the bill were distributed and participants were invited to ask questions and make comments as the discussion progressed. Individuals, libraries, and organizations were urged to study the bill and make comments and suggestions for change to their Congressional representatives. [*Leola Decker*]

1979 Notable Children's Films. The Film Evaluation Committee of the Association for Library Service to Children and the Audiovisual Committee of the Public Library Association cosponsored a viewing and discussion of six of the 12 films selected as 1979 Notable Children's Films on Monday, June 25, with Mary Alice Hunt presiding.

In her introductory remarks, Mary Alice Hunt outlined the criteria by which the films are evaluated for the annual Notable Children's Films list which includes 16mm films intended for children, preschool through grade 8. "Notable" or "excellent" children's films are those that the committee feels are of especially commendable quality that reflect respect for the child's intelligence and imagination or are films that, in exemplary ways, reflect and encourage children's interests. Those films selected should make effective use of the special techniques of the medium and should be technically well done with clear and appropriate use of visuals, voices, music, language, and sound effects to create a unified artistic whole. Adaptations of materials originally produced in other mediums should remain true to, expand, or compliment the original work in some way as well as meet general criteria for excellence.

The six films shown were "I'll Find a Way," a portrait of a nine-year-old Canadian girl handicapped by spina bifida; "Lullaby," a short animated film which presents a surrealistic interpretation of a child's world; "The Ugly Little Boy," an adaptation of Issac Asimov's short story that explores the relationship between a Neanderthal boy, who has been transported from the past for scientific investigation, and the project's nurse; "Dragon Over the Hill," a film using animated metal sculpture to tell the story of two brothers and their bout with a dragon; "Morning Spider," a "bug's-eye" view of insect life as interpreted by a mime troupe; and "Fire," which uses oil paint on glass to represent life in a forest which is ravaged by fire.

Other films on this year's list are: "Charlie Needs a Cloak," "The Flashettes," "Metamorphosis," "Mighty Moose and the Quarterback Kid," "The Sand Castle," and "Spaceborne." [*Jane E. Marton*]

SSRT Task Force on Women and the Committee on the Status of Women in Librarianship. "Are You Paid Your Due? Actions and Issues on Comparable Pay" was the topic of a June 26 panel presentation cosponsored by this task force of the Social Responsibilities Round Table and the Committee on the Status of Women in Librarianship. Moderator Helen Josephine of Information on Demand, Berkeley, Calif., set the context by posing questions about the status of the profession and of women within it and about the problems of evaluating the worth of work.

The first panelist was Mary Dunlap, a women's rights lawyer from Equal Rights Advocates, Inc. of San Francisco, Calif. Using specific statistics on salaries of librarians, she discussed the phenomena that contribute to discrimination against librarians in general and against women within the profession. Addressing what the legal system is doing, she outlined the present judicial attitudes and the major statutes that apply: the Equal Pay Act of 1963 and Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. Despite these provisions, women must still actively fight to overcome limiting judicial interpretations and loopholes in the laws. She warned against techniques used by managers and institutions to create divisiveness among staff and to downgrade the value of certain jobs and emphasized the need to organize to combat the status quo, tokenism, and the use of prevailing wage surveys which limit chances for change.

Merle Morrow, a lawyer with the Equal Employ-

ment Opportunity Commission, spoke next. She gave an overview of EEOC's role in these issues, starting with the earliest form of complaints about racially and sexually segregated job classifications and promotional ladders. A landmark decision was handed down in 1970 which ruled that using a job classification system in itself was potentially discriminatory, for example defining men's jobs with more physical effort and adverse conditions as more valuable. As opposed to the development of individual cases in the past, large-scale actions are now being brought by professional groups. Although the courts have complained that these are too costly to resolve, EEOC has filed briefs showing evidence to the contrary. Charting the constant efforts of EEOC, she emphasized the need for case documentation, filing of charges, and input from workers to make the commission's work effective.

Nancy Kellum-Rose of the San Francisco Public Library presented the background and results of the San Francisco pay study undertaken by local librarians in conjunction with the national Women Library Workers organization and the San Francisco Commission on the Status of Women. Data were gathered on all single-sex dominated job classifications, and in detail for librarians and clerk-typists. Describing the procedures used to process the information, the speaker highlighted some of the findings: men's salaries in general averaged 46 percent higher than women's; men's salaries in male-dominated classes averaged 74 percent higher than those of women's in women-dominated classes; for jobs requiring the same education, male librarians earned on the average 21 percent more than women librarians, and male clerk-typists earned 64 percent more than females in the same job. The organizers of the study wanted to change the city charter so that salaries would not be paid using prevailing wage formulas which perpetuate discrimination inherent in the established classifications. A request to the Civil Service Commission for a city-wide reevaluation and adjustment of the classification scheme resulted in a study that ignored the results of the librarians' survey, although a charter revision committee was elected. Like the previous speakers, Nancy Kellum-Rose emphasized the need for organized political action to overcome bureaucratic roadblocks.

Helen Josephine returned to the podium to review other job actions around the country on the issue of pay parity. Following up on the San Diego pay suit, probably the first such action undertaken by librarians, she talked about the educational and political approaches which made the San Diego suit a focal point and model for pay parity actions. Unfortunately the case has lost its lawyer and other support; facing a new salary cut, librarians there are back to square one. Other complaints are in process at Florida Technological University, Temple University, and within the State University system in California. The only clear victory so far has been at the St. Paul (Minn.) Public Library where salary structures were upgraded.

An active question-and-answer period followed, covering issues such as the establishment of information clearinghouses to support various actions, the improvement of access to government data, and the need for media coverage. The impact of ERA and the uses of the Freedom of Information Act were other topics addressed by the panelists. The audience expressed strong interest in developing local and national programs to achieve pay parity and to end other forms of discrimination in librarianship.

[*Sarah Pritchard*]

ASCLA Multitype Library Cooperation Section. Cosponsored by the Library Research Round Table and this section of the Association of Specialized and Cooperative Library Agencies, the June 26 meeting addressed the topic "Functions of Existing Library Networks." Nancy Wareham, Cleveland Area Metropolitan Library System, and Barbara Robinson, Metropolitan Washington Library Council, were the chair and presiding officer, respectively.

In his presentation, Allen Kent of the University of Pittsburgh Graduate School of Library and Information Science, discussed his ongoing study of library needs and networking. He expects to produce a working model from the study in a few years. Mr. Kent discussed theoretical network patterns, such as "star," "distributive," and "hierarchical," and listed network activities in terms of functions.

In response, Henriette Avram, Library of Congress Network Development Office, called first for an agreement on a satisfactory set of definitions of networks and networking. She then went on to suggest that the several operational networks currently in existence could be the basis for the informational service network of the future.

Other reactors were William DeJohn of the Pacific Northwest Bibliographic Center and Glyn T. Evans of Library Services, SUNY Central Administration. Mr. DeJohn replied that what is needed now is guidance in making decisions about living with current networks. He doubted the value of Mr. Kent's theoretical model study. [*Lynne Kennedy*]

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